


REMARKS

The telephone call from Examiner Brown on November 4, 2003 was appreciated. This call was in response to the Response to Final Office Action filed by telefax on October 29, 2003, wherein the novelty in claim 24 of storing a number of signal patterns from a plurality of audio-video equipment remote controls was explained. However, Mr. Brown expressed his view that claim 24 does not positively recite storage in the receiver, at the same time, of signal patterns from a plurality of remote controls. Although the undersigned attorney disagrees with this position, claim 24 is being amended by inserting the term "simultaneously" into the claim with reference to storage of the plurality of remote control signals. The same amendment is being made to independent claims 8 and 16, in order to advance the prosecution of the present application. There can now be no question that all the claims remaining in this application recite the simultaneous storage in the receiver of a plurality of remote control signals from which the receiver decoder chooses one to match a signal received from such a remote control. As set forth in the Response filed October 29, 2003, this is a distinction over the primary cited Fong patent reference that renders the claims patentable.

Accordingly, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and an early indication of its allowance is solicited. However, if the Examiner has any additional matters that need to be resolved, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,


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